

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, and 23 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Hence, claims 1-25 remain pending. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,805,587 to Norris, *et al.* (hereinafter "Norris I").

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-14, 16-18, 20 and 22-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,259,692 to Shtivelman, *et al.* (hereinafter "Shtivelman").

Claims 9, 15 and 19, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shtivelman as applied to claims 1 and 11 above, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,611 to Norris, *et al.* (hereinafter "Norris II").

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shtivelman as applied to claim 11 above.

Independent claims 1, 11, and 23 have been amended to include the limitation, "obtaining from an Internet Access Server, an IP address relating to the called station, wherein the Internet Access Server is a different server from the application server." This limitation is not taught or suggested by the cited references. The presence of an application server (also called an intermediate server) separate and distinct from an Internet Access Server enables calls to be handled by the called station without first checking the status (*e.g.*, busy or free) of the called station. Calls to the called station are immediately transferred to the application server, instead of in response to the called station's line being busy. The application server then obtains the IP address of the called station from the Internet Access Server.

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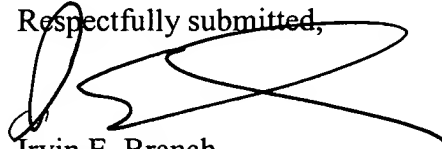
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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